

Appl. No. : 10/025,310 Amendments to the specification
Amdt. dated Jan 7, 2005
Reply to the Office Action of Jun 15, 2004

In the paragraph that begins on **page 28 line 14** of the reply of Dec 23, 2003 to the second office action there were two minor errors. The first was the omission of "B1" from the patent number "6,278,378 B1". The second was a grammar error, where an "a" was omitted. These changes are indicated in the replacement paragraph on **page 3, lines 3 and 5**.

In the paragraph that begins on **page 36 line 1** of the reply of Dec 23, 2003 to the second office action there was one minor grammatical error. The phrase "predefined or randomly selected in order to simulate" should not have included "in". Additionally the opening tab at the beginning of the paragraph was accidentally omitted and has been added back. The deletion of "in" is indicated in the replacement paragraph on **page 4, line 14**. The added tab is not underlined as it is only a format change and does not affect the matter of the paragraph.

1 Other instances of the class of athletic measurement devices examined in detail in
2 the preceding paragraph are disclosed in Mackovjak U.S. Pat. No. 5,897,457, Guillen
3 U.S. Pat. N. 6,066,105, and Feiner et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,278,378 B1. These devices all
4 differ from the present invention in requiring two trigger events: one to initiate a
5 measurement and a second one to indicate its termination. The devices then report the
6 performance in some manner. The present invention utilizes no triggers, does not
7 measure performance in any way, and is used in an altogether different manner than any
8 of these devices.

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One example of the invention has been described here in detail to comply with the Patent Statutes and to prove that this device could be constructed by one skilled in the arts. It is emphasized that numerous other implementations of the invention are possible, none of which depart from the scope of the invention itself. These include, but are not limited to: utilizing similar or different implementation technologies; utilizing similar or different implementation details, especially presentation of the state to the athlete via alternative means such as symbolic or alphanumeric displays, or synthesized sounds or speech; customizing for one or more different sports; utilizing more or fewer device states; utilizing physically larger or smaller devices; utilizing multiple independent devices simultaneously on the athletic field; utilizing devices which are carried by the athletes or attached to athletic equipment; utilizing remote control of multiple devices which all display the same state; utilizing remote control of multiple devices which display different states; utilizing multiple remote devices which are activated sequentially in a predefined or randomly selected [[in]] order to simulate, for instance, the motions of another player; and providing in addition to the display of device state information the selective or broadcast relaying of communications from coaches, referees, or other players.